

Board of Trustees

GARY POLONSKY
CHAIR
Courtice, Ontario

Dr. Polonsky served from 1988 to 2006 as President of Durham College in Oshawa. In 2001, he became the founding President of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and continued to serve the University as President until his retirement in 2006. Dr. Polonsky has also served on numerous charities and civic organizations.

JIM SILYE
VICE-CHAIR
Calgary, Alberta

Mr. Jim Silye held the position of President and CEO of Eagle Rock Exploration Ltd, a publicly traded, junior oil and gas company on the TSX-Venture Exchange and is President of Tyme Holdings Inc.

HAROLD BJARNASON
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dr. Bjarnason recently retired as Dean, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba. He was previously the Associate Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for ten years, and prior to that served as Executive Director of the Canadian Wheat Board.

DAVID JAMES COHEN
Westmont, Quebec

Mr. David Cohen is currently Vice President at Modico Canada Ltd managing commercial and residential real estate investments. He has previously worked for Invesco Trimark as well as RBC Dominion Securities.

DAVID DESJARDINS
New Maryland, New Brunswick

Since 1998, Dr Desjardins has worked with the Science East Association, first as Director and President of the Board and, since 2001, as Chief Executive Officer. From 1995 to 2006, Dr Desjardins was also President of DRD Services Inc., a technology and innovation consulting services company. Dr Desjardins holds a PhD in chemistry from the University of New Brunswick.

JANE HUNGERFORD
Vancouver, British Columbia

An experienced fundraiser, board director and not-for-profit/charitable community leader, Jane Hungerford has worked actively with the BC Cancer Foundation, BC Cancer Agency and the BC Cancer Research Centre as a visionary, board member, fundraiser and advisor. Jane was a Founding Director of Science World (now Telus World of Science) from 1987 to 1994 and a member of its initial capital campaign.

RADOSVETA ILIEVA
St-Laurent, Quebec

Ms. Ilieva is an experienced leader who has implemented governance and internal control mechanisms in many companies and industries. A professional accountant specializing in information technology, she currently works for Loto-Québec as a strategic advisor in the areas of risk management, standards and internal audit. Ms. Ilieva is a graduate of HEC Montréal.

ANDREANNE LEDUC
Montreal, Quebec

A co-founder of the Comité de consultation en gestion de Polytechnique at the Polytechnique Montréal, Ms. Leduc is currently completing her MBA at Harvard University in the United States. She has worked for various consulting firms, including the Boston Consulting Group and McKinsey & Company. During her studies in industrial engineering (BEng and MEng) at the Polytechnique Montréal, she developed a keen interest in operational strategy.

VIRGINIA MCLAUGHLIN
Richmond Hill, Ontario

Ms. McLaughlin is currently President of Helmhorst Investments Limited, overseeing the performance of the investment portfolio and strategic management decisions. For more than 20 years, she has contributed to and led the Boards of numerous organizations.

MARIANNE D. SADAR
Vancouver, British Columbia

Dr. Sadar has over 20 years of experience in developing treatments for prostate cancer. She is a professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of British Columbia, a Distinguished Scientist at the BC Cancer Agency's Genome Sciences Centre, and a co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer of ESSA Pharma Inc., a biotechnology company.

GLEN SCHMIDT
Calgary, Alberta

Mr. Schmidt is a retired oil & gas executive. He holds a BSc. (with distinction) in Chemical Engineering and MBA; both from the University of Calgary. Mr. Schmidt has been a member of several public, private and not for profit Boards. He is the recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, in energy & received the Haskayne Business School Max Alumni Excellence award.